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Dear Paul and Gary,

I have received Paul's mailing of 9/21, with letters to both of us. My wife read the letters to us as we were on our way to Washington, but I've not had time to go over them carefully or to examine the valuable enclosures. I shall, later today. In the brief interval I have, I note several things I do not want to forget.

I have heard further from the man who first approached me two and a half years ago about Bolden. I am satisfied he is a certified, unquestioned nut, but only in the medical sense. He first sent me a long, seemingly intelligent telegram, then he got me out of bed after midnight yesterday. It is the conversation that leaves no doubt in my mind. He cannot hold a logical thought. My wife, who had answered the phone, listened in. Her opinion, at the end, a male Philomena, which I think will mean something to Gary. However, for whatever it is worth, he said the Bolden address is unchanged (home, that is-he doesn't know where he is in jail but thinks it may be Alabama) and says the home phone is 488-4822. If he knows anything at all about the case, he succeeded in not giving any indication of it and I did ask questions.

There is a fine young woman who just got her degree and has no immediate plans for the future. Her mother is a friend of mine. I went there yesterday to see if I could get her to do two things: go over the annotation of my bibliography by Mike Simmons and compare that with the list of numbers he gave me. Then I want her to go to the Archives and see if she can, as Paul rightly wants, make a study of the organization of the files. She is quite bright. I met her six months ago, and she is concerned. However, she was ill and in bed, so I have no answer. I'll let you know if and how this works out. I do not want to take the time to do this myself, but I agree with Paul that it should be done and if it would in any way help the fine work Jim is doing, that, in itself, would make it worthwhile. Meanwhile, I wonder if an inquiry to the Archives from anyone but me, would accomplish this- if they have it on paper? If this might do it, I then ask if we might ask this of Herb Jaegers, legislative assistant to Senator Mondale? I could ask it or perhaps it might be better if Gary did. If we do ask it of him- and if it exists on paper he should get it- I think it would be wise to have what we want to get specific and in writing, so we can give it to him.

On the name cards, I did look into this long ago and I am certain I wrote Paul. There are about 6,000 cards, individual cards, and the cost of copying them would be considerable. They are used for us. I presume we could get to see them in the search rooms.

Bud had left for his case in N.C. I left word with his secretary, who expects to hear from him, to try and include Regis Kennedy's in the testimony he will try and get copied...I asked for a list of the SS reports on all their interviews with Dallas medical personnel and sooner or later perhaps Mike will respond. If I do not tell you the results, perhaps in a month or so one of you might remind me. I have not asked for the Martij-Ferry correspondence...Ballard was not in when I phoned about the printout. Left a message with his answering service...Agreed on holding off on the transcripts. Right on who wants. I have written Bernabe, who has not replied, but he must have Fraziers and should have Finck's, I think.

Just this minute got a phone call from Wagnet. He says he called Bolden, person-to-person, in Chicago, and he answered the phone. I may try that tonight. If I do, I'll let you know. Rather early for a phone call of this sort, for the sun is not yet up.

Returning to the cards files, I believe I also told Paul of this and send sent a copy of the pertinent document, when the question first came up. long ago. I can find and send now if I didn't or if it cannot be found. There was the beginning of a carded index to the Commission's materials, but Millens put an end to it, I think I also have this in IM. So, some of the earliest material (in terms of when it reached the Commission, not of its date of preparation) should be included in some cards file. I believe it was Millens' point that establishing a name file eliminated the need for a card file. I believe this to be other than the case.

The New Orleans testimony has been far from my mind. I've asked Bud to get what seems to be the most important, with copies for each of you made on their automatic machine, and suggested how he might get it done without having to stand at the machine himself. I suggested Texas testimony most pertinent, above federal, which is first. Until he returns, we'll not know what he has or has been able to do. I suggest that if you have special suggestions or requests, you let me know and we can see what will then be possible. I believe copying all of it would be too large a task. Whatever he comes back with I'll send out. I emphasized Shaneyfelt. I have had no response from any letter I have written anyone in N.O., in or out of the office, and I've written several to friends not in the office. Not just Silent Matt. It might be a good idea if Gary would seek the present status, state of plans, from Vince, and seek particulars. Jim is in Hotel Dieu, for his back.

Hastily,

Harold Weisberg